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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: BANDA ATTACKS PORTUGUESE SUSPENSION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

REF: LISBON 3099

1. PRESIDENT BANDA HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 24 TO STATE THAT PORTUGUESE DECISION TO WITHDRAW DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION FROM MALAWI WAS TAKEN WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION. BANDA CRITICIZED GOP FOR PUBLICIZING WITHDRAWAL THEIR EMBASSY EVEN BEFORE NOTE ANNOUNCING WITHDRAWAL HAD REACHED PRESIDENT.

2. BANDA REJECTED THREE REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL ALLEGEDLY GIVEN IN NOTE FROM PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT:

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A. MALAWI HAD ASSUMED ATTITUDE TOWARD JORGE JARDIM WHICH

CREATED OBSTACLES TO GOP DECOLONIZATION POLICY;

B. PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN MALAWI WAS OSTRACIZED;

C. MALAWI HAD ALLOWED JARDIM TO DIRECT "TERRORISM" ACTIVITIES
AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE FROM MALAWI.

3. RE JARDIM, BANDA ACKNOWLEDGED GOP EARLIER HAD REQUESTED MALAWI
NOT TO ALLOW JARDIM REFUGE IN MALAWI. MALAWI WILL NOT ALLOW
ITSELF TO BE DICTATED TO, SAID PRESEIDENT. FURTHER, JARDIM IS
FOR "GENUINE DECOLONIZATION" WHEREAS AUTHORITIES IN PORTUGAL
ARE CONFUSED AS REGARDS THEIR POLICY. BANDA CLAIMED HE IS NOT ONLY
LEADER IN AFRICA WHO BELIEVES JARDIM IS FOR GENUINE DECOLONIZATION
AND IS A "A SINCERE PERSON."

4. RE PROTOCOL SPAT (PARA 2.B. ABOVE), BANDA SAID IT WAS PORTUGUESE
CHARGE WHO OFFERED FIRST INSULT BY REFUSING ATTEND TENTH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AFTER NOTING JARDIMS WERE INVITED. CHIEF OF
STATE'S INVITATIONS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS COMMANDS, NOT TO BE
TURNED DOWN. IN VIEW "DELIBERATELY CONTEMPTIBLE" BEHAVIOUR OF
CHARGE, BANDA HAD ORDERED CUTOFF IN CONTACTS WITH GOM AND INVITATIONS
TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

5. BANDA LECTURED PORTUGUESE ABOUT WHAT THEY MUST NOW DO ABOUT
DECOLONIZATION. IF PORTUGUESE ARE SERIOUS, HE SAID, THEY MUST
CLEARLY AND WITHOUT AMBIGUITY OR EQUIVOCATION RECOGNIZE
INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE. THEY MUST ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE.
HAVING DONE THAT, THEY MUST NEGOTIATE WITH "THE NATIONALISTS"
IN MOZAMBIQUE RE MECHANICS OF ORDERLY POWER TRANSFER. IN CONTEXT
THESE REMARKS, BANDA SUGGESTED JARDIM COULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE.

6. COMMENT: PRESIDENT WAS CAREFUL NOT TO SAY WHO HE REGARDS AS
"NATIONALISTS" IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND HIS REMARKS RE FUTURE OF THAT
COUNTRY AS WELL AS RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL WERE GENERALLY
BROAD AND LEAVE BANDA MAXIMUM ROOM FOR MANEUVER. HIS DEFENSE
OF OLD FRIEND JARDIM WAS REMARKABLE FOR ITS STAUNCHNESS BUT WAS
PREDICTABLE GIVEN PRESIDENT'S WELL-KNOWN CAPACITY FOR STUBBORNESS.
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